Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme

2915. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:
SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme is a part of Jawahar Rozgar Yojana;

(b) if so, whether any target for creating employment opportunities for the rural landless were fixed during the last three years;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(d) whether those targets have been achieved; and

(e) if not, the remedial measures proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI U.V. KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) The Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) was launched *w.e.f.* 1.4.1989 after merging the erstwhile National Rural Employment Programme (NREP) and the Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme (RLEGP). The JRY was replaced by the Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana (JGSY) *w.e.f.* 1.4.1999. The JGSY has since been merged in to the Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) *w.e.f.* 25.9.2001.

(b) Under the SGRY (which is self-targeting in nature) targets are not set.

(c) to (e) Do not arise in view of reply to (b) above.

Consolidation of watershed programmes under a single Ministry

2916. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the competent authority have decided to consolidate all watershed programmes under single Ministry to avoid multiplicity of authority and overlapping;

(b) if so, details including the decision taken in this regard;

(c) whether the panchayats will be given the authority to decide the watershed catchment to be forestry oriented; and

(d) whether a common norm of implementation will be formulated for watershed programmes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. A proposal is under consideration to set up a National Mission for Land and Watershed Development in the Department of Land Resources and to transfer watershed and soil conservation related activities from different Ministries to the Department of Land Resources.

(c) and (d) The Department of Land Resources has launched a new initiative called "Hariyali" on 27th January, 2003 with the objective of empowering the Panchayati Raj Institutions both administratively and financially for the implementation of all Watershed Development Programmes. Under this, it is proposed that all Watershed Development Programmes of the Department of land Resources shall be implemented by the Gram Panchayats under the guidance and control of the Gram Sabha. The Action Plan/Watershed Treatment Plan will be finalized after discussion in the Gram Sabha. It is upto Gram Sabha to decide the type of watershed activity to be taken up as per location specific requirement/suitability.

Implementation of Swajaldhara Project in N.E. States

†2917. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated by Government for the implementation of "Swajaldhara" drinking water project in North East States; and

(b) the number of the proposals received so far from the concerned State Governments in this regard and necessary action taken by Government thereon?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.